



**CITY OF LODI  
COUNCIL COMMUNICATION**

**AGENDA TITLE:** Presentation Regarding Celebration on Central  
**MEETING DATE:** June 16, 2004  
**PREPARED BY:** Janet L. Hamilton, Management Analyst

**RECOMMENDED ACTION:** Presentation only.

**BACKGROUND INFORMATION:** The fifth annual Celebration on Central, a collaboration between the Community Partnership for Families of San Joaquin and the City of Lodi, was held Sunday, May 16, 2004. The event, a health and safety fair for families living in Lodi's east side, was held at a new location, using the Joe Serna Jr. Charter School grounds. Food donated by the Greater Stockton Emergency Food Bank, the Salvation Army, and the Lodi Community Service Center, was prepared by volunteers from First Baptist Church, the Lodi Mexican American Lions Club, and a handful of tireless recruits. Almost 50 agencies and organizations participated in the event offering services such as health screenings, medicine, animal care, and children's activities as well as information.

Such an event could not take place without the support of a dedicated group of volunteers and the generosity of our sponsors and donors. We would like to recognize and thank this group for their efforts. Major donors include Kaiser Permanente, First 5 of San Joaquin, the Lodi Arts Commission, F&M Bank, General Mills, Lodi Electric Utility, Health Plan of San Joaquin, Lodi Adopt-a-Child, Central Valley Waste Management, Wyeth Consumer Health Care, Dart Container, and the Lodi Community Service Center. Volunteers, without which this event could not take place, include Salvation Army staff and residents, Boy Scout Troup 291, cooks from First Baptist Church, the Lodi Mexican American Lions Club, and Mr. Cole, Monica Larkin, Jason Meyers, and especially, George Bradley and Gerald King.

**FUNDING:** No City funds required.

  
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APPROVED:   
H. Dixon Flynn, City Manager